



Every child, every opportunity, every time!

**Summer 2015 Recommended Reading List
Rising Fourth Grade
2015-2016**

Non-Fiction Books

Adler, David. *Fractions, Decimals, and Percents*

Step right up! Come take part in the county fair, where you'll see fractions, decimals, and percents everywhere. Gobble up a fraction of pie, boost your batting average in the arcade, and take a percent off the price of a toy.

Beauregard, Lynda. *In Search of the Fog Zombie: A Mystery About Matter*

Angie and Alex and the other campers at Camp Dakota follow a trail of riddles that require science knowledge about solids, liquids, gases, and the properties of matter in order to find out about the camp's mysterious Fog Zombie.

Bredeson, Carmen. *Weird but True Space Facts*

Find out about gravity, Ida the asteroid, the Barringer meteor crater, the moon, and other weird space facts.

Chin, Jason. *Redwoods*

A young city boy riding the subway finds an abandoned book about redwood trees and then finds himself in the very forest described in the book. After finishing the book, he leaves it for someone else to discover.

Cline-Ransome, Lesa. *Words Set Me Free: The Story of Young Frederick Douglass*

This is the inspirational, true story of how Frederick Douglass found his way to freedom one word at a time. Douglass spent his life advocating for the equality of all, and it was through reading that he was able to stand up for himself and others.

Guillain, Charlotte. *Jobs if you Like...Series*

Highlighting multiple careers within each book, this series introduces a wide assortment of jobs that relate to everyday interests and activities including animals, history, sports, computers, and music. Each book includes a chart that compares the best part of each job as well as the skills needed.

Keller, Laurie. *The Scrambled States of America*

Kansas and Nebraska had a party. All the states came. Soon they decided to change places with one another. Although the switch started out as an adventure, it ended up with a lot of unhappy states: Minnesota was sunburned, Florida was freezing. This fun filled exploration of geography includes facts about the states.

Malaspina, Ann. *Touch the Sky: Alice Coachman, Olympic High Jumper*

Coachman was the first black woman to win an Olympic gold medal and was recognized at the 1996 Olympics as one of the one hundred best athletes in Olympic history.

Prelutsky, Jack. *I've Lost My Hippopotamus*

This anthology of more than 100 never-before-published poems will delight Prelutsky's many fans.

Stewart, Melissa. *No Monkeys, No Chocolate*

Everyone loves chocolate, right? But how many people actually know where chocolate comes from? How it's made? Or that monkeys do their part to help this delicious sweet exist?

Tonatiuh, Duncan. *Separate is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez and Her Family's Fight for Desegregation*

An illuminating account of a family's hard-fought legal battle to desegregate California schools in the years before Brown v. Board of Education.

Ventura, Marne. *Astrophysicist and Space Advocate Neil deGrasse Tyson*

Learn about the life and career of the astrophysicist known for making science fun and easy to understand, the Director of New York's Hayden Planetarium.

Fiction Books

Alvarez, Julia. *How Tía Lola Saved the Summer*

When three girls and their father visit Miguel's house for a week in the summer, it takes Tía Lola to make him forget his unhappiness and embrace the adventures that ensue.

Barber, Tikki. *Wild Card*.

Through the course of a difficult season, Ronde learns that his coach is right about football being a mental game as he tries to fill in as kicker while he and his identical twin, Tiki, help Adam improve his grades.

Cheng, Andrea. *The Year of the Book*

In Chinese, peng you means friend. But in any language, all Anna knows for certain is that friendship is complicated. When Anna needs company, she turns to her books. Books, however, can't tell Anna how to find a true friend. She'll have to discover that on her own.

English, Karen. *Dog Days*

Gavin wants to make a good impression at Carver Elementary, where no one knows he excels at soccer and skateboarding, but an annoying big sister, a bully, and his great aunt's Pomeranian are not helping.

Gutman, Dan. *The Homework Machine*

Four fifth-grade students--a geek, a class clown, a teacher's pet, and a slacker--as well as their teacher and mothers, each relate events surrounding a computer programmed to complete homework assignments.

MacLachlan, Patricia. *Kindred Souls*

Ten year-old Jake shares a special bond with his grandfather, Billy, but when Billy asks Jake to build him a sod house, Jake is not sure he wants to do it.

McDonald, Megan. *Stink: Solar System Superhero*

Stink launches a campaign in his classroom to restore Pluto's status to that of a full-fledged member of the solar system. Check out other *Stink* adventures!

Orr, Wendy. *Lost!: A Dog Called Bear*

When Logan's dog runs away as he and his mother are moving to a new home after his parents separate, a girl named Hannah, who longs for a dog of her own, finds him.

Perkins, Lynne Rae. *Nuts to You*

After surviving being carried off by a hawk, a young squirrel resolves to find his way home, as his best friends begin their search for him.

Stilton, Geronimo. *Karate Mouse*

With only one week to train, Geronimo discovers that his friend Bruce Hyena and his cousin, Shorty Tao, entered him in the Karate World Championship.

Trine, Greg. *Invasion from Planet Dork: Melvin Beederman Superhero Series*

Melvin gathers his superhero friends to face a trio of extraterrestrial kidnappers.

Warner, Sally. *EllRay Jakes is Not a Chicken*

Eight-year-old EllRay's father has promised a family trip to Disneyland if EllRay can stay out of trouble for a week. Not defending himself against Jared, the class bully, proves to be a real challenge.